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SUBJECT: RISING ANTI-CHINESE SENTIMENT IN NORTH SUMATRA

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MAJ. GEN. DRS. SUMADI, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF KOWILHAN I AT SIBOLGA ON DECEMBER 20 IN BRIEFING KAPUBATEN OFFICIALS FROM NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH TAPANULI AND NIAS ISLANDS HIGHLIGHTED THE CHINESE DANGER. ACCORDING TO SUMADI MANY CHINESE ALIENS, WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM INDONESIA, HAVE RETURNED TO INDONESIA FOLLOWING TRAINING AND INDOCTRINATION IN THEIR "HOME" COUNTRY. HE SAID THEIR RETURN AS INFLITRANTS FOR UNDERGROUND SUBVERSIVE ACTION POSES A GREAT DANGER OF THE REVIVAL OF COMMUNISM IN INDONESIA. SUMADI SAID THAT THE "OVERSEAS CHINESE" WERE OPERATING UNDERGROUND IN SUMATRA, UNLIKE THOSE IN WEST KALIMANTAN WHO OPERATE OPENLY.
 2. SUMADI STATED THAT CHINESE CHILDREN WOULD ATTEND GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS DESIGNATED BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF BOTH EDUCATION AND SECURITY OFFICERS. SUMADI HAD EARLIER STATED THAT THESE SCHOOLS' PURPOSE WOULD BE TO ACCELERATE THE ASSIMILATION PROCESS TOWARD NATIONAL INTEGRATION. IN SIBOLGA, SUMADI EXPLAINED THAT CHINESE STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND THE DESIGNATED SCHOOLS, THEIR ALTERNATIVE IS NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL AT ALL. HE CAUTIONED THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOT TO ACCEPT CHINESE IN TAPANULI, IF THEY
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SHOULD COME.

3. SUMADI THEN BRIEFLY TOUCHED UPON CHINESE CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY, ALLEDGING THAT THE CONTROL WAS GAINED THROUGH CLEVER BRIBES TO INDONESIAN OFFICIALS.

4. COMMENT: THE ABOVE STATEMENTS REPRESENT THE MOST EXPLICIT, INDEED, INFLAMATORY, EXPRESSION OF ANTI-CHINESE SENTIMENT BY A HIGH

LEVEL OFFICIAL HEARD RECENTLY IN NORTH SUMATRA. WHILE CONSULATE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY AWARE OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS OF A SUBTLE RISE OF SUCH SENTIMENT AMONG OTHERWISE CIVILIZED INDONESIANS, SUMADI'S BLUNTNESS IS REMARKABLE AND POTENLTALLY DANGEROUS IN AN ETHNIC POWDERKEG. WHILE NOT ACTUALLY TOUCHING A MATCH TO THE FUSE, HE HAS AT LEAST FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE

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